

July 2, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Recommendation for Abbreviated Dialing for One Call Notification
(CC Docket No. 92-105)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Board of Directors of Dig Safely New York, Inc. endorses the original legislation of Section 17 of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-355). This legislation requires the Secretary of Transportation, in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission and others to establish a **three** digit nationwide toll-free telephone number to be used by State One-Call Notification Systems.

Amendments to the above Pipeline Safety Improvement Act to require a ten-digit number in lieu of the currently specified three-digit number would **not** be favorably accepted. Dig Safely New York presently has a ten-digit toll free number that has been marketed, at a high expense, for the past thirty years and is widely identifiable by the excavating community. Issuance of another ten digit number and the marketing expense to promote a new ten digit telephone number has no value for the Call Center. It is likely a new ten-digit number would not be embraced or publicized by the Call Center or excavators. The issuance of a new ten digit number would only cause confusion in the excavating community and thereby inviting the possibility of missed location requests due to excavator confusion and frustration.

A three-digit telephone has numerous advantages technically and for marketing endorsement. Dig Safely New York's Board of Directors encourages the North American Numbering Council (NANC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to continue working towards resolving obstacles that would prevent the reality of a national three-digit telephone number for One-Call Notification Systems. **We are not in support of any amended changes to the above legislation.**

Respectfully,

Stephen H. Wright
President, Board of Directors

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cc: Qualex International
Robert Kipp, Executive Director
Common Ground Alliance